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FOR HEW SECRETARY WEINBERGER FROM CHARGE DUBS

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1. I AM VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE USSR, AND THE EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE EVERY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO MAKE YOUR VISIT A SUCCESSFUL ONE. IN MY ABSENCE FROM MOSCOW, OUR SCIATT CONVEYED CONTENTS OF REFTEL TO MINHEALTH OFFICIALS ON JULY 17. THEY EXPRESSED GREAT PLEASURE THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO ACCEPT MINISTER PETROVSKIY'S INVITATION AND GAVE ASSURANCES THAT ALL YOUR INTERESTS AS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL WOULD BE FULL-FILLED. YOUR PERSONAL LETTER TO PETROVSKIY WAS RECEIVED JULY 26 AND DELIVERED ON SAME DAY BY SCIATT WHO DISCUSSED PROGRAM OF VISIT WITH DR. SHCHEPIN, DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF MINHEALTH, AND HIS ASSISTANT DR. KISELEV, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR PROGRAM. SHCHEPIN APOLOGIZED FOR FACT THAT PROGRAM STILL NOT IN FINAL FORM, BUT HOPES TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE CONCRETE INFORMATION BY NEXT WEEK. HE ADDED THAT DATES PROPOSED BY YOU (AUG. 30 - SEPT. 6) WERE ENTIRELY CONVENIENT AND ACCEPTABLE TO MINISTER PETROVSKIY (BUT SEE BELOW).

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2. MINHEALTH WOULD LIKE TO KNOW FULL NAMES OF ALL PERSONS CURRENTLY INCLUDED IN YOUR PARTY.

3. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED WHETHER YOU HAVE ANY PRIVATE INTERESTS OR HOBBIES THAT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO SOVIETS IN SOME ASPECT OF PROGRAM OR IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE GIFT. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. SOVIETS WILL PAY ALL IN-COUNTRY COSTS FOR ENTIRE PARTY, INCLUDING ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRAVEL.

5. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU INCLUDE INTERPRETER IN YOUR PARTY, EVEN THOUGH YOUR HOSTS WILL PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY INTERPRETATION DURING OFFICIAL MEETINGS. THIS IS IMPORTANT NOT ONLY BECAUSE SOMEONE FROM YOUR OWN PARTY WILL BE PRESENT TO ENSURE ACCURACY OF TRANSLATION, BUT ALSO BECAUSE IT WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH LINGUISTIC SUPPORT AT TIMES WHEN YOU WILL NOT BE ACCCOMPANIED BY YOUR HOSTS.

6. PARTIALLY SEPARATE LADIES PROGRAM IS BEING ARRANGED, BUT DETAILS NOT YET AVAILABLE. SOVS ARE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT SPECIAL INTERESTS OF MRS. WEINBERGER (PARA 8 REFTEL, AND WOULD LIKE TO BE ADVISED OF ANY SPECIAL INTERESTS MRS. EDWARDS MAY HAVE.

7. ONE PRESS CONFERENCE, AT WHICH REPRESENTATIVES OF SOVIET AND US PRESS CORPS WILL BE INVITED, WILL PROBABLY BE ARRANGED NEAR END OF YOUR STAY. MINHEALTH BELIEVES THAT OFFICIAL SPEECH WOULD BE DESIRABLE, BUT NOT NECESSARY, DURING VISIT TO ACADEMY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES. PRESIDENT V. D. TIMAKOV AND ALL OTHER OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR VARIOUS AREAS OF BILATERAL COOPERATION UNDER US-USSR HEALTH AGREEMENT ARE SCHEDULED TO BE PRESENT AT THAT TIME. MINHEALTH SUGGESTS ABOUT ONE-HOUR TALK (INCLUDING INTERPRETATION), WHICH WOULD BE COVERED BY PRESS AND TV, IF DESIRED.

8. SOVIET SIDE WILL HOST ONE EVENING RECEPTION ON 2ND OR 3RD DAY AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL. A COCKTAIL RECEPTION, WITH HORS D'OEUVRES FOR YOUR SOVIET HOSTS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IN RETURN, AND I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU USE THE FACILITIES OF SPASO HOUSE, THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. I WILL HAVE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MADE IF THAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOU. PLEASE PROVIDE FUND CITATION TO FINANCE RECEPTION. THE COST WILL PROBABLY NOT EXCEED \$500.

9. AT PRESENT, YOUR ITINERARY INCLUDES MOSCOW-YEREVAN-ALMA ATA-MOSCOW. ALMA-ATA WAS INSERTED AT THE REQUEST OF MINISTER PETROVSKIY, ACCORDING TO KISELEV. SHCHEPIN EXPRESSED SOME DISAPPOINTMENT THAT YOU COULD NOT SPEND LONGER TIME IN USSR. MINHEALTH HAD HOPED YOUR SCHEDULE WOULD ALLOW 10-12 DAY VISIT,

SO THAT TASHKENT-SAMARKAND-BUKHARA COULD BE VISITED, AND POSSIBLY NOVOSIBIRSK. MINHEALTH WOULD BE VERY PLEASED IF YOU WERE IN POSITION TO EXTEND YOUR STAY AT LEAST THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPT. 9. IF, HOWEVER, YOUR PARTY MUST DEPART ON SEPT. 6, MINHEALTH HOPES IT WOULD BE LATE EVENING DEPARTURE, SO THAT THIS DAY COULD BE UTILIZED FOR FINAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTER PETROVSKIY. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP WHETHER YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO EXTEND YOUR VISIT. ACCORDING TO KISELEV, TWO VARIANTS ARE BEING PREPARED, ONE OF WHICH IS BASED ON HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO REMAIN IN USSR THROUGH SEPT. 9.

10. RE PARA 9 REFTEL, SOVIET HOSTS WILL PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY PHYSICAL SECURITY FOR YOU AND YOUR PARTY. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER YOU WILL BE BRINGING CLASSIFIED MATERIAL WITH YOU, AND WHAT VOLUME, SO ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR ITS TRANSFER FROM AIRPORT TO EMBASSY AND FOR ITS SECURE STORAGE.

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